

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2005

The Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC) was established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B and Article 9 of the 2001 Annual Town Meeting, Amherst. Amherst voters voted overwhelmingly to accept the Act with a 1% property tax surcharge on property evaluations above \$100,000, and certain other exemptions. The Community Preservation Act (CPA), as amended in July 2002, establishes a local fund “for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition and preservation of historic resources; for the creation, preservation, and support of community housing; and for rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, historic resources, land for recreational use, and community housing.” It also establishes a state Community Preservation Trust Fund, from which allocations are made annually to municipalities that have accepted the Act, partially matching local appropriations. The CPAC is charged with studying the needs, possibilities, and resources of the Town regarding community preservation and recommending projects to Town Meeting for appropriation.

FY 05 Revenue:

Prior year residual surcharges:	\$ 1,160.31
Current year tax surcharge 1%:	\$183,274.79
Liens and penalties:	\$ 770.47
State reimbursement:	\$154,264.00
Investment earnings:	\$ <u>157.80</u>
Total	\$339,627.37

Total revenues available : 596,083.38
(carryover from FY 04, FY 05 revenues, and projections of FY 06 income)

CPA Appropriations 7/1/04 – 6/30/05:

Approved by Fall Town Meeting (November 2004), for appropriation:

Affordable Housing

- Olympia Drive – initiate development costs \$50,000

Approved by Annual Town Meeting (April 2005 – June 2005), for appropriation:

Affordable Housing

- Amherst Housing Authority – 693 Main St. \$155,000
Supplement for purchase, architectural and development fees

Historic Preservation

- West Cemetery restoration of 3 key zones per Cemetery Master Plan \$150,000
- Jones Library and Town archive/record restoration (x 5 years) \$ 20,000
- Town Hall masonry survey and specifications for bidding \$ 50,000
- Dickinson Museum landscape design and preservation restriction \$ 15,000
- Interpretive brochures for Town’s 250th Anniversary celebration \$ 7,500

Open Space

- APR contribution – North Amherst Community Farm \$100,800

Recreation

- Plum Brook fields – Year 1 CPA share estimated debt service \$ 46,332
- Plum Brook fields cost increases from Board reviews, DEP, delays \$ 50,000

The following table summarizes CPA appropriations by category and fiscal year since the adoption of the CPA in Amherst:

TOWN OF AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS
CPA FUNDS APPROPRIATED / AUTHORIZED TO DATE - BY CATEGORY

18-Jul-2005

FOR FY	2004	Art	Cat	Project	Housing	Historic	Open Space	Recreation	Other	TOTAL
2004	10/28/2002	STM	8a	HP CPA- Historic Preservation Survey		20,000				
2004	10/28/2002	STM	8a	AH CPA-Amherst Housing Authority	130,000					
2004	10/28/2002	STM	8a	OS CPA- Open Space Property Appraisals			13,000			
2004	10/28/2002	STM	8b	HP CPA-transfer 17,577 to designated HP		17,577				
2004	10/28/2002	STM	8c	OS CPA-APR on 1720 So East street			20,000			
2004	10/28/2002	STM	8d	OS CPA-land purchase Middle Street			60,000			
2004	11/13/2002	STM	8e	RE CPA-Plum Brook Athl Fields/station rd riding Borrowing Authorizatin Only not included in			2/3 of debt on [500,000]			
Total Appropriated FY04					130,000	37,577	93,000	0	0	260,577
					49.9%	14.4%	35.7%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
FOR FY	2005									
2005	4/30/2003	ATM	12	OS A. Rescind motion d Art 8 Middle st land purchase			(60,000)			
2005	4/30/2003	ATM	12	OS B. Simmons Property			60,000			
2005	11/3/2003	STM	15	HP A: Strong House Chimney		40,000				
2005	11/3/2003	STM	15	OS C: APR 143 N. East Hess Property			97,500			
2005	11/3/2003	STM	15	OS D: APR N. East Hart/Murphy Prop			41,500			
2005	11/3/2003	STM	15	OS E: Skate Board park study				15,000		
2005	11/3/2003	STM	15	AH F: Study for establishing Housing Trust Fund	10,000					
2005	11/3/2003	STM	15	AH G: Affordable Housing Tamarack drive	40,550					
2005	11/5/2003	STM	15	HP B: West Cemetery Lights + signs		19,065				
2005	11/12/2003	STM	15	AH H: Amh Housing Auth. 693 Main st	75,000					
2005	11/12/2003	STM	15	AH I: Amh Housing Auth. The Brook	8,000					
2005	11/12/2003	STM	15	ADM J: Administrative expenses					2,000	
2005	4/28/2004	ATM	6	OS Incr art 15C by 95000			95,000			
2005	11/10/2004	STM	17	AH Olympia Drive - affordable Housing	50,000					
				Appropriated from HP Reserve FB		(17,577)				
Total Appropriated FY05					183,550	41,488	234,000	15,000	2,000	476,038
					38.6%	8.7%	49.2%	3.2%	0.4%	100.0%
FOR FY	2006									
2006	4/27/2005	ATM	10a	HP West Cemetery Restoration		150,000				
2006	4/27/2005	ATM	10b	HP Archival Materials Restoration & Conservation		20,000				
2006	4/27/2005	ATM	10c	HP Town Hall Masonry Restoration Design		50,000				
2006	4/27/2005	ATM	10d	HP Dickinson Museum Landscape Design		15,000				
2006	4/27/2005	ATM	10e	HP Intepretive Publications		7,500				
2006	5/2/2005	ATM	11	AH AHA Main Street Housing Project	155,000					
2006	6/20/2005	ATM	36	RE Plum Brook Athletic Fields				50,000		
2006	6/23/2005	ATM	37	OS APR - North Amherst Community Farm			100,800			
2006	6/23/2005	ATM	30	RE Plum Brook Athletic Fields - Debt Service				46,332		
Total Appropriated FY06					155,000	242,500	100,800	96,332	0	594,632
					26.1%	40.8%	17.0%	16.2%	0.0%	100.0%
TOTAL APPROPRIATED THRU FY06					468,550	321,565	427,800	111,332	2,000	1,331,247

CPAC members in 2005:

Pam Rooney (Planning Board; Chair)
Chris Ryan (at large; Secretary)
Peter MacConnell (at large)
Peter Jessop (Amherst Housing Authority)
Audrey Child (at large)
Kathy Ford (LSSE)
Elisa Campbell (at large)
Nicki Robb (Conservation Commission)
Caroline Olson (Historical Commission)